

**A SUBSTITUTUE RESOLUTION BY  
PUBLIC SAFETY AND LEGAL ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

**03-R-1173**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT A  
GRANT FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE IN AN AMOUNT  
NOT TO EXCEED SIX MILLION DOLLARS (\$6,000,000) TO BE MATCHED WITH UP  
TO TWO MILLION DOLLARS (\$2,000,000) FROM LOCAL SOURCES FOR AN  
INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS PROGRAM TO BENEFIT THE CITY OF  
ATLANTA AND KEY NEIGHBORING JURISDICTIONS**

**WHEREAS**, the most critical element of a homeland security program is effective communications capacity among City departments and neighboring jurisdictions, and

**WHEREAS**, the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, a component of the United States Department of Justice, is now offering grants for interoperable communications equipment, in collaboration with the United States Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate, for local governments to cooperate in developing regional interoperable communications programs, and

**WHEREAS**, interoperable communications would be critical to an effective response to a terror attack or catastrophe, so that different City departments and neighboring emergency responders could communicate via wireless equipment to coordinate responses to a massive emergency

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA,  
GEORGIA**

**Section 1:** that the Mayor is hereby authorized to apply for and accept a grant from the United States Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, in collaboration with the United States Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate, in an amount not to exceed six million dollars (\$6,000,000) to be matched with a maximum of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) from local funds for an interoperable communications program. The surrounding jurisdictions will be required to contribute local share proportionate to the amount of federal funds they benefit from, so that the City of Atlanta will be limited to a match of not more than \$900,000 in FY2003 and that such limited matching portion will be taken from Fund Account Center 1A01 761001 T31001.

**Section 2:** that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign and execute grant agreements in order to implement this program.